

ANOTHER DELANO

In Star County Texas, the poorest county in the state located in the Rio Grande Valley, 3 to 4 thousand agricultural workers have just gone on strike.

The workers, primarily Mexican-Americans, at present earn 60-70¢ an hour harvesting cantelopes. Led by the Independent Worker's Association, they are striking for higher wages and union recognition. The strikers have practically closed down the county. Their employers are put in a precarious position as cantelopes must be harvested as soon as they are ripe or the entire crop is lost. This gives the strikers good bargaining power. One owner has already agreed to meet the union's demands.

Yet there are problems. The lack of food is reaching starvation proportions. The court issued an injunction against them defining 3 or more persons as an unlawful assembly. Mass arrests are a real possibility. The banks will not even cash any checks made out to the union. The packing worker's unions and the Mexican unions across the border are honoring the strike, but the owners are finding some scabs, both agricultural workers and packers.

WHAT CAN THE DUBOIS CLUBS DO?

Members of the Texas DuBois clubs are working very hard on the strike. They are counting on us to use our resources to insure a victory for the union.

They need food, clothes, and money of which as much as possible should be raised immediately. Other organizations, unions, church groups etc. should be contacted. Food collection stations should be set up in supermarkets.

As more information about the strike comes into the National Office, it will be made available to the local clubs. In the meantime, it is essential to raise money, food, and clothes. Send money in the form of money orders, as the local banks will not cash checks, to:

INDEPENDENT WORKERS ASSN.
BOX 828
MISSION TEXAS

Send food and clothes to:

CONTINENTAL BUS STATION
C/O INDEPENDENT WORKERS ASSN.
MISSION TEXAS

SEND
FOOD

CLOTHING

MONEY NOW

VIVA LA HUELGA